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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the

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#### Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 12/29/01 AND ENDING 12/27/02 MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION NAME OF BROKER - DEALER: FAM Distributors, Inc. OFFICIAL USE ONLY FIRM ID. NO. ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.) 800 Scudders Mill Road (No. and Street) 08536 Plainsboro. New Jersey (Zip Code) (State) NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT Thomas Gordon (609) 282 - 0551(Area Code - Telephone No.) B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\* Deloitte & Touche LLP (Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name) Two World Financial Center New York New York (Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code) RECEIVED CHECK ONE: X Certified Public Accountant FEB 2 5 200 Public Accountant Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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#### **AFFIRMATION**

I, Robert Harris, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule pertaining to FAM Distributors, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended December 27, 2002, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any partner or officer has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

Signature

<u>Secretary</u>
Title

Sworn before me this 6th day of February, 2003:

Notary Public

ANTHONY LAQUIDARA Notary Public, State of New Jersey Commission Exptres March 30, 2004

# FAM DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 27, 2002

See notes to financial statements.

| ASSETS  |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, including marketable securities of \$836,645   | \$ 873,405               |
| INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED INVESTMENT COMPANIES - at fair value (cost \$339,976)   | 268,612                  |
| OTHER ASSETS  | 70,652                   |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$1,212,669              |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY  |                          |
| LIABILITIES: Payable to Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, LP   | 834,528                  |
| CONTINGENCIES (Note 6)  |                          |
| STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY: Common stock, par value \$1.00 per share - authorized 1,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 100 shares Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings | 100<br>310,900<br>67,141 |
| Total stockholder's equity  | 378,141                  |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY  | \$1,212,669              |